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In accordance with MPEP §§609 and 707.05(b), Applicant respectfully requests that each document listed be given thorough consideration and that the Examiner cite each document of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form HDP-1449 next to each document. Applicant requests such initialing even if the Examiner does not consider: (1) a listed document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection; (2) a document to be prior art for any reason; or (3) that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with respecting a particular document. Applicant makes this request so that each document becomes cited on the face of a patent issuing on the present application.

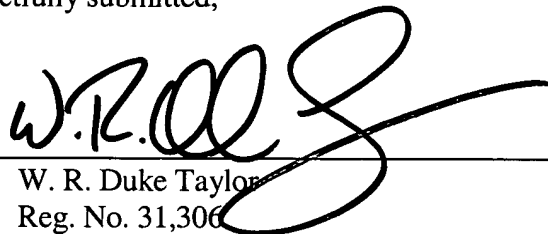
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Applicant earnestly solicits an early and favorable consideration.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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